

Chapter 7

Books To Make

Books You Can Make

"He has painted a picture with words. He has sculpted his story on paper. He is a creative and truly talented young author: a sight for all to behold!"

When you make your book - you get to decide what style will be just right for your writing. You might choose to make an accordian book to display your whole story at once or maybe a pop-up book so your illustrations will pop right out at your audience.

This chapter shows you how to make the six different book styles that the Book-Write young authors chose to house their writing. The directions can be changed to create an even more personal and unique book for you. Try making a shoe box book instead of a can book or a cloth journal instead of a wallpapered journal. There are also some recycling ideas for you to try. Whenever possible, re-use household items as book parts.

Use your imagination as you create a special book cover to house your very special diamond.

Bookmaking Material Information

Cans

The can book works very well with an oblong gourmet coffee can because adding machine paper is exactly the right size for the can. However, you can make this book with any can that has a plastic lid. Just use white paper for the cover instead of adding machine paper.

Cardboard

Cardboard can be found in the packaging of many household and personal products. Depending on the thickness, it can be difficult to cut or fold. However, thin cardboard pieces used to package pantyhose and shirts are just the right thickness for book covers. An older author may also enjoy taking cereal boxes apart and using them for cardboard.

Railroad board

If you want a thicker (4 ply) material that comes in many different colors, check into railroad board. It costs approximately \$1.00 for a 22" X 28" sheet.

Recycled or Re-used paper

Whenever you can, try to use recycled paper. If you don't have recycled paper, save the unused backs of paper and re-use them for pages you paste onto other book materials. Make sure the existing writing doesn't show through first.

Tagboard

Tagboard is a wonderful material. You can usually find it at art supply stores. It is inexpensive (about 80¢ per sheet), easy to cut and easy to fold. It comes in manilla or white 24" X 36" sheets. It is great for all types of covers.

Making a Shape Book

Shape books are easy to make and young authors love them. Try making lots of different shapes based on the theme of the story.



Materials:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick/paste
- Pen/pencil/markers
- Paper

Steps:

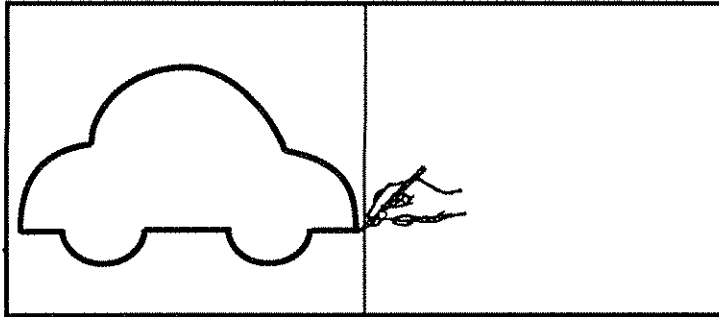
1. Decide upon the shape of your book and trace it onto the construction paper.
2. Fold the paper in half and cut two covers.
3. Cut out the number of pages you want inside the cover. Write your story onto the pages. Staple the pages to the back cover and cut the front cover shape in half.
4. Staple the two front covers onto the back cover so that it opens from the middle.
5. Fold back the front covers to crease it open.

Recycling Ideas:

1. Use cereal box cardboard for cover shapes.
2. Glue pictures from magazines to create the cover design you want.

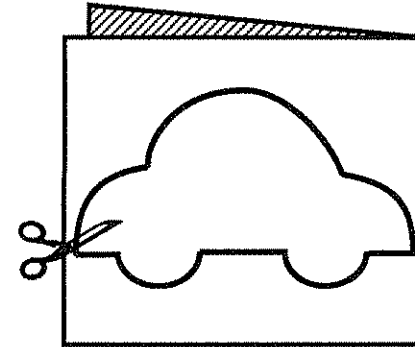
Shape Book Directions

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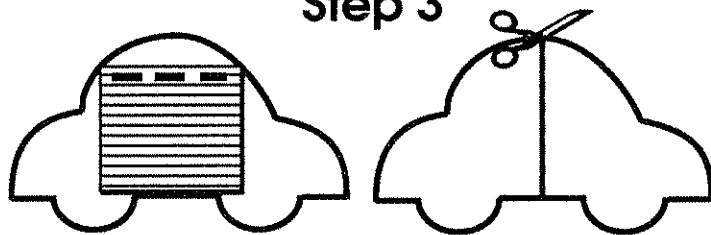
Trace the shape of your book onto construction paper.

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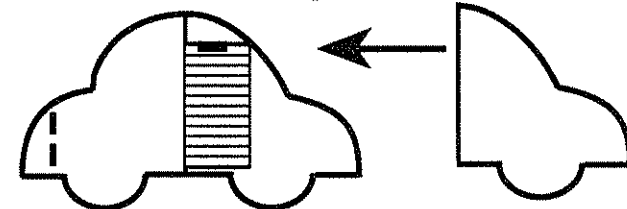
Fold paper in half and cut two covers.

Step 3



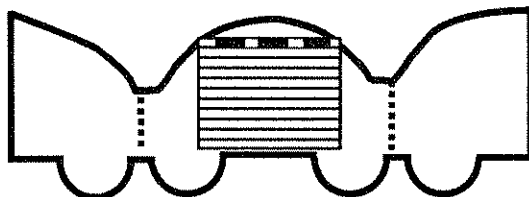
Cut book pages to fit inside the cover. Write story on pages. Staple pages to back cover. Cut front cover shape in half.

Step 4



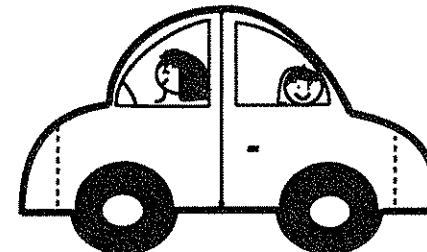
Staple front covers onto the back cover.

Step 5



Fold back the front covers to open your book.

Shape Book



Making an Accordion Book

An accordion book works well for short stories and poems. When made out of tagboard it stands up by itself and is a wonderful way to display a young author's work. It can also be made out of many other materials.



Materials:

- Tagboard
- Glue stick/paste
- Paper
- Scissors
- Pen/pencil/markers

Steps:

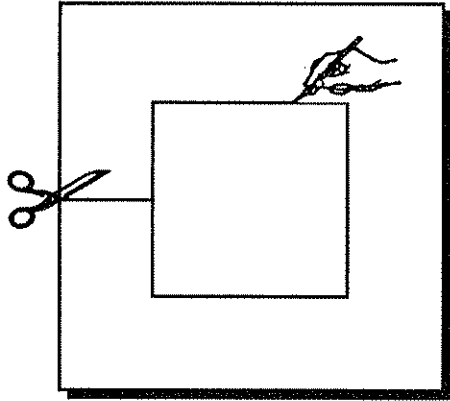
1. Decide upon the shape of your book and trace your shape onto the tagboard.
2. Determine the number of pages in your book and cut them out of the tagboard.
3. Tape the book pages together on the front side, then turn them over and tape the back.
4. Cut sheets of paper to fit inside the pages. Write your story and draw the illustrations on the paper. Glue your finished story onto the tagboard.

Recycling Ideas:

1. Use cardboard from inside a pantyhose box.
2. Write on the clean side of used paper.

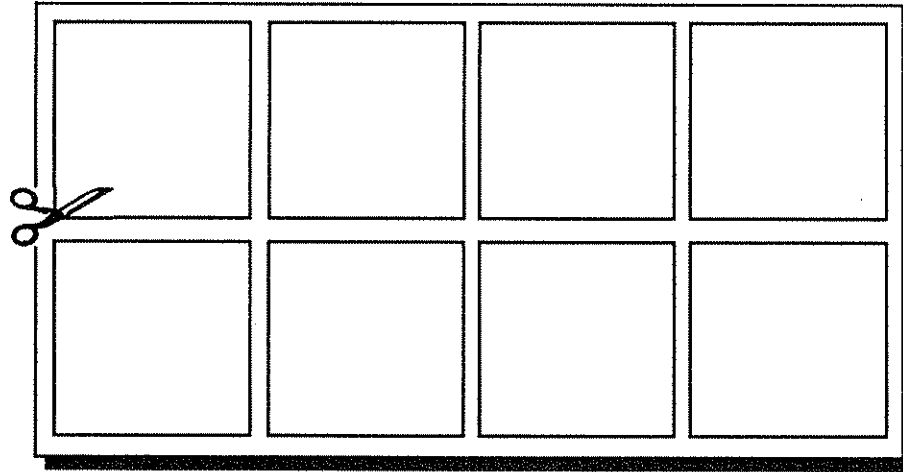
Accordion Book Directions

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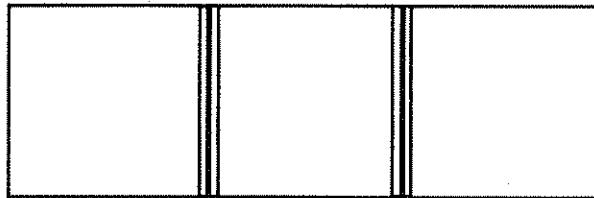
Trace your shape onto the tagboard.

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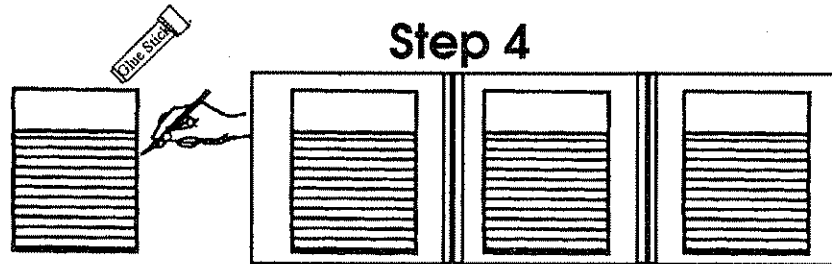
Cut out your book pieces. (2 for cover + 1 for each page)

Step 3



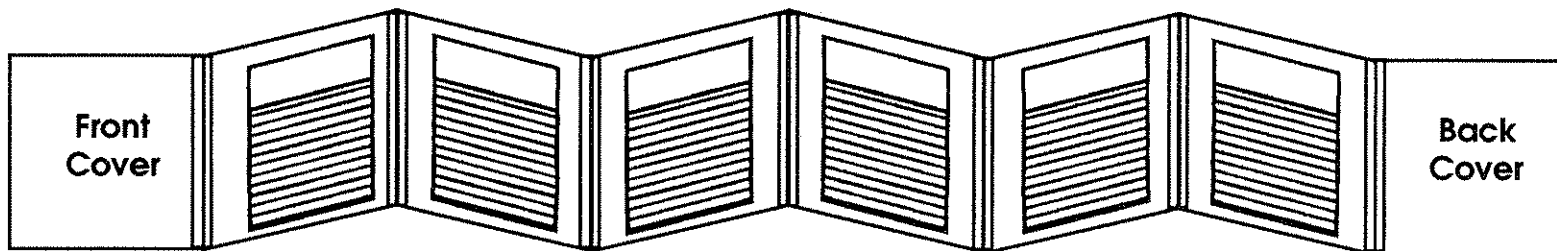
Tape pieces together front and back on both sides of the tagboard.

Step 4



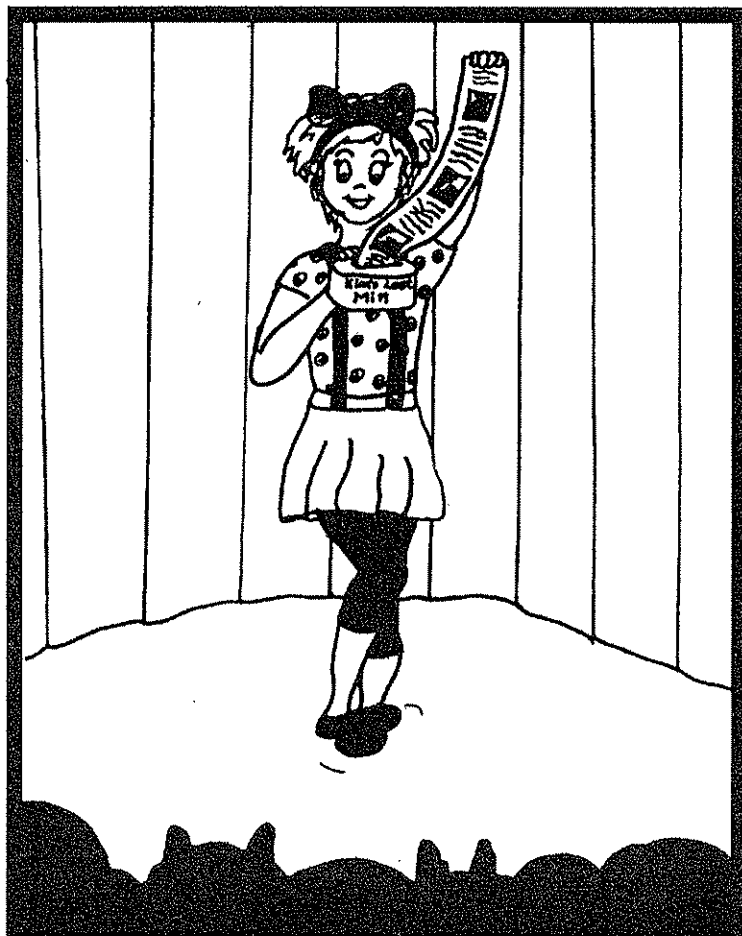
Cut sheets of paper to fit your book pieces. Write your story, draw illustrations and glue sheets onto the page.

Accordion Book



Making a Can Book

*Can books are really fun to make and read. They promote recycling by re-using a household item. Younger authors will need assistance in making this book.**



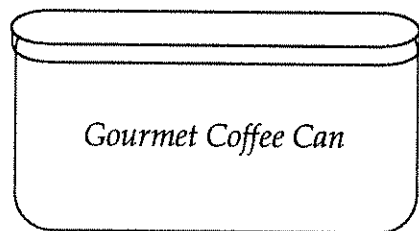
Materials:

- Empty oblong can like a gourmet coffee can
- Scissors*
- Pen/pencil/markers
- Glue stick/paste
- Adding machine tape

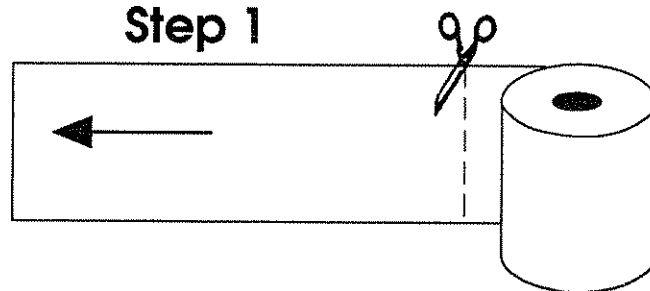
Steps:

1. Take your can and wrap adding machine paper around it until it just overlaps. Then cut the paper.
2. Measure your can front and mark it in pencil. Draw your cover between your marks.
3. Glue the cover onto your can.
4. Cut an opening into the plastic lid just a bit longer than the width of your paper and wide enough to let the paper slip through easily.*
5. Write directly onto the adding machine paper. (Some authors paste on typed text)
6. Roll up your story and pull it through the lid.

Can Book Directions

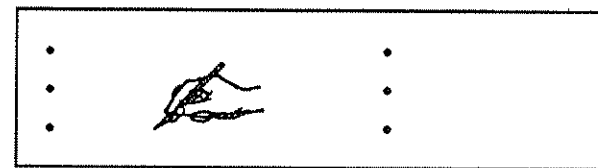


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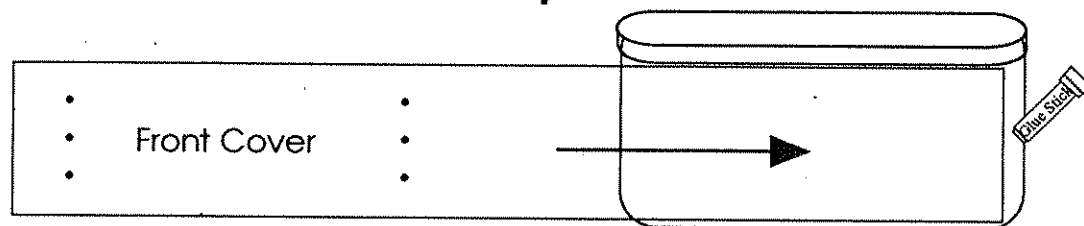
Wrap adding machine paper around can until it overlaps. Cut paper.

Step 2



Measure front of can, mark paper and draw cover on this section.

Step 3



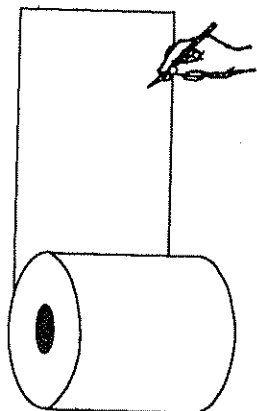
Paste or glue cover onto can.

Step 4



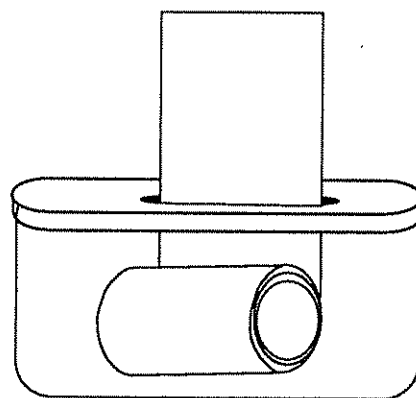
Cut opening into can lid.

Step 5



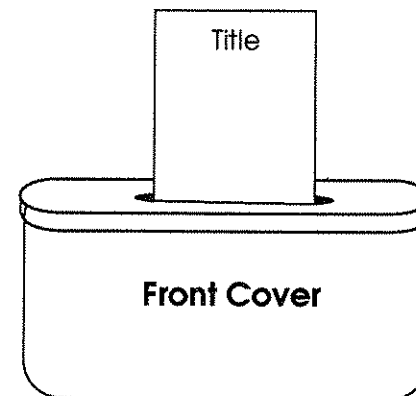
Write story onto paper.

Step 6



Roll up paper and pull through lid.

Can Book



Making a Pop-Up Book

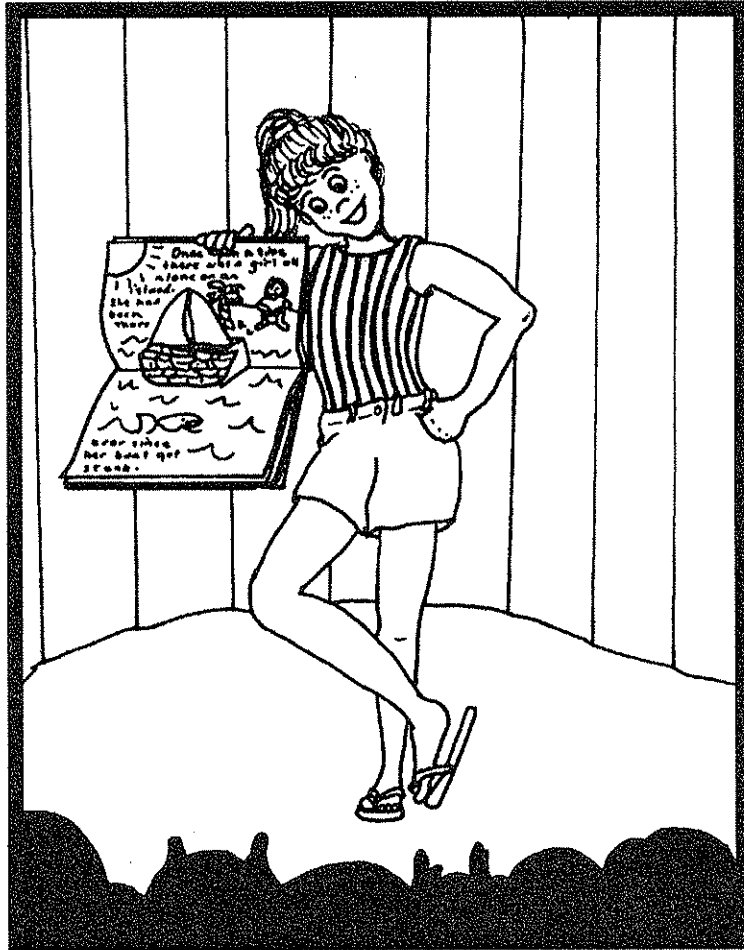
Young authors may need some assistance in making their first pop-up book. Pop-up books should be used with shorter stories as it is difficult to bind too many pages together. It is a very fun book to read.

Materials:

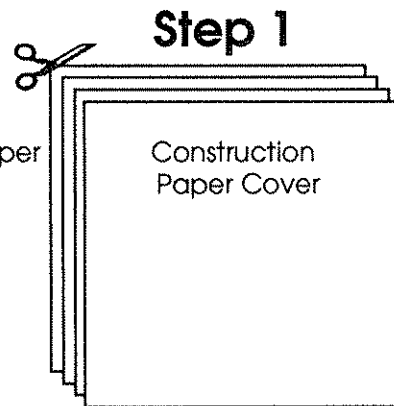
- Construction Paper •Scissors
- Glue stick/paste •Pen/pencil/markers
- White paper

Steps:

1. Cut your construction paper cover and white pages in a rectangular shape.
2. Fold your cover in half, forming a front and back cover. Draw your cover, then set it aside.
3. Fold your first page in half. Mark two lines in the center about one inch apart and one inch down. Cut on the lines.
4. Open the page and fold the cut piece inside.
5. Draw the pop-up shapes for each page.
6. Cut out each shape.
7. Glue shape to the front of pop-out section.
8. Flatten the page out and write your story.
9. Complete all pages. Glue the back side of one page to the front side of the next.
10. Glue your cover to the book pages.

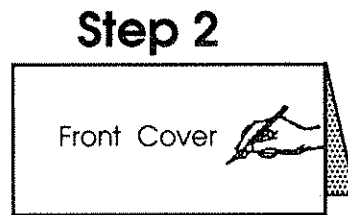


Pop-Up Book Directions

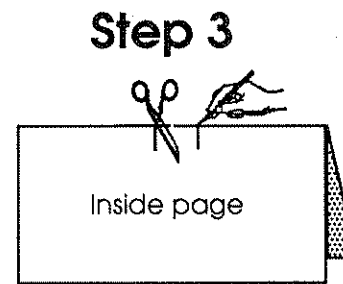


White paper for inside

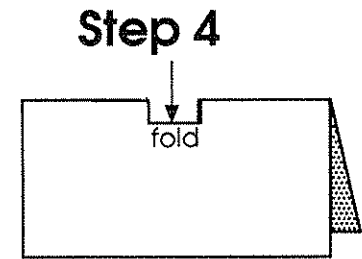
Construction Paper Cover



Front Cover



Inside page



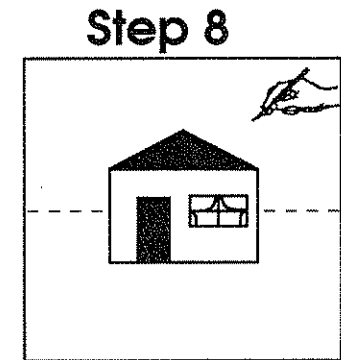
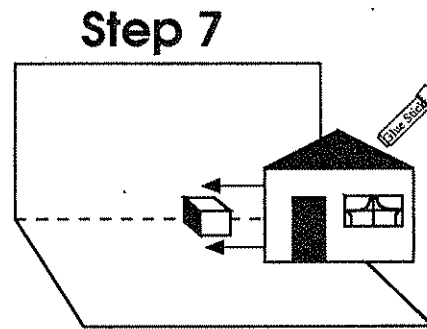
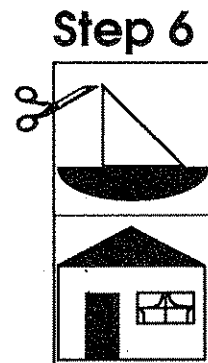
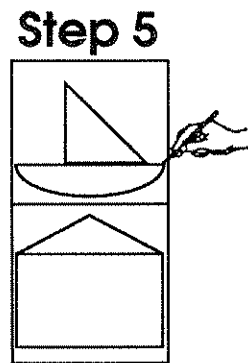
fold

Cut cover and inside pages.

Cover: fold and draw.

Page: fold, mark, cut lines.

Fold cut piece inside.

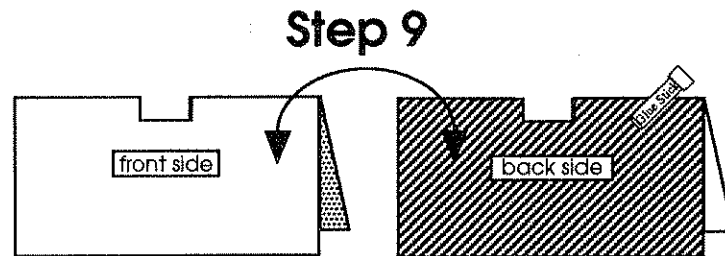


Flatten page to write story.

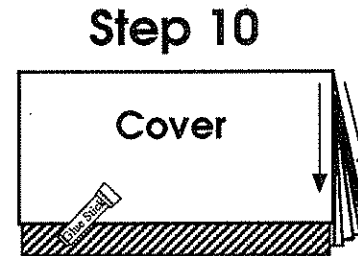
Draw pop-up shapes.

Cut out shapes.

Glue shape to the pop-out section.



Complete all pages. Glue back side of one page to front side of next page.



Glue cover to pages.

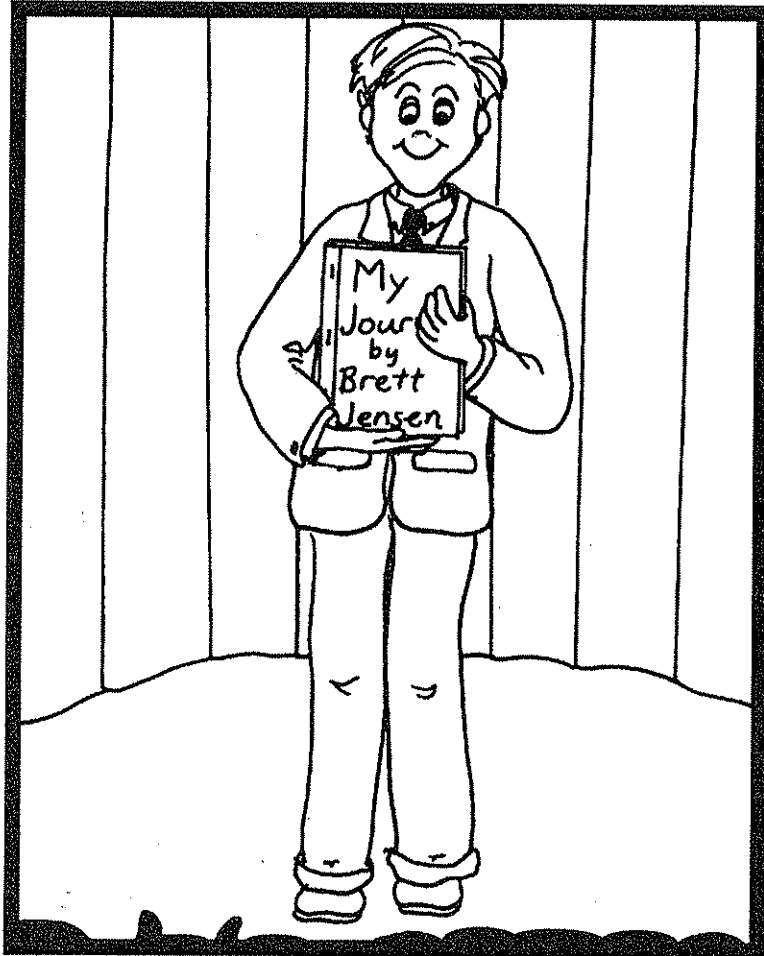
Pop-Up Book



Front Cover

Making a Journal

Journals are very personal. They can also be made with cloth remnants or leftover contact paper.



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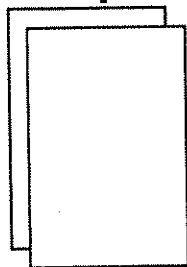
- Cardboard
- Glue stick/paste
- Paper
- Wallpaper
- Scissors
- Pen/pencil/markers
- Stapler

Steps:

1. Trace your book shape and cut two covers.
2. Trace a 1" border around the covers on back side of the wallpaper. Make a 90° cut on each corner.
3. Glue your cardboard cover to the backside of the wallpaper. Glue each wallpaper edge and fold it on top of the cardboard.
4. Cut and glue a smaller piece of wallpaper to the inside cover.
5. Determine the number of pages you want in your book and cut them to fit inside.
6. Put your pages inside the two covers.
7. Staple the whole book together.
8. Cut a small wallpaper piece and glue it to the spine of your journal.

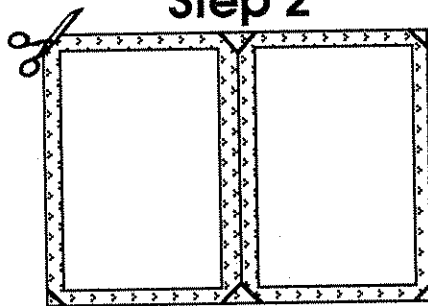
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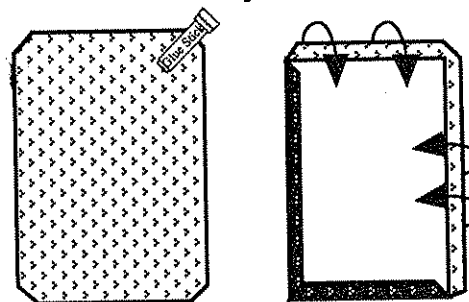
Cut two cardboard covers.

Step 2



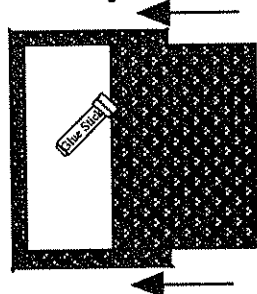
Cut a 1" wallpaper border around covers. Miter corners.

Step 3



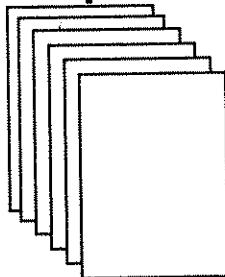
Glue cardboard to wallpaper.
Glue and fold edges over.

Step 4



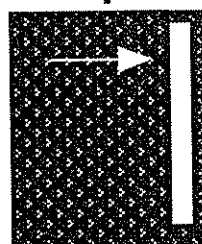
Cut and glue smaller wallpaper piece for inside covers.

Step 5



Cut pages to fit inside.

Step 6



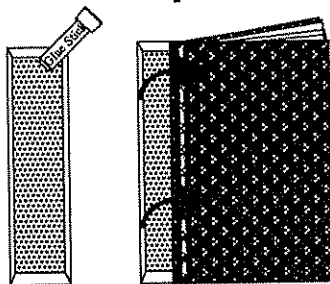
Put covers and pages together.

Step 7



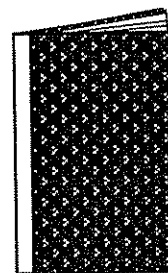
Staple covers and pages together.

Step 8



Cut small spine piece. Fold and glue edges. Glue to covers.

Journal



Making a Report

Reports can be made out of all types of materials.

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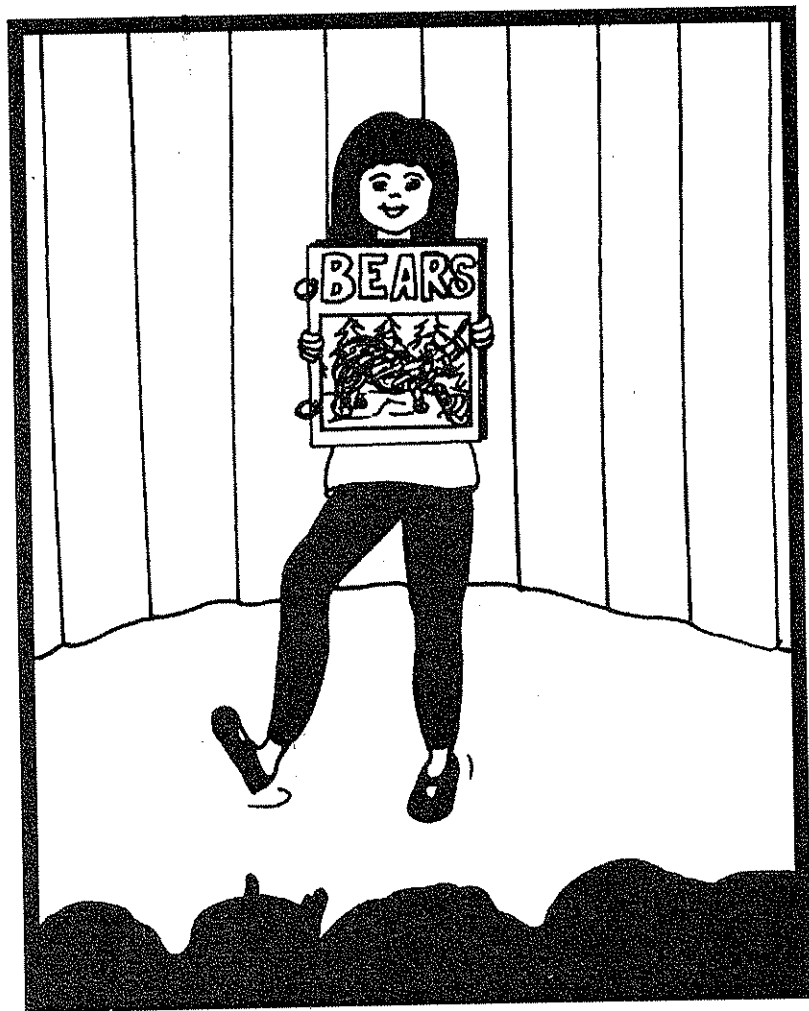
- Poster board
- Hole punch
- Paper
- Scissors
- Pen/pencil/markers
- Yarn

Steps:

1. Cut the front and back covers out of poster board.
2. Punch holes into the two covers.
3. Draw your cover onto the poster board or paste on your prepared items.
4. Write or type your story onto letter sized paper.
5. Place the finished pages inside the covers.
6. Use yarn to tie the covers and pages together.

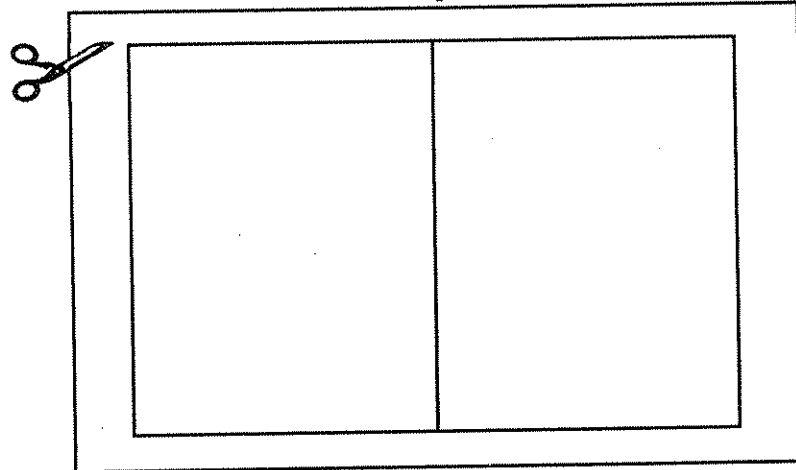
Recycling Ideas:

1. Write your report on recycled paper.
2. Re-shape styrofoam package inserts for a three dimensional report cover.



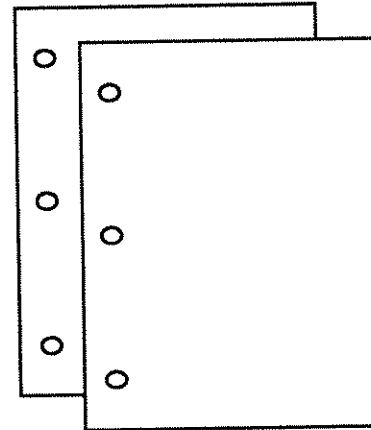
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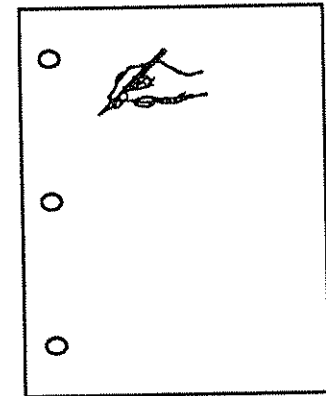
Cut two covers out of colored poster board.

Step 2



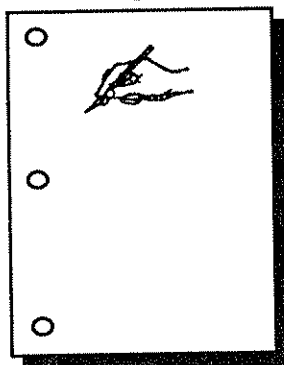
Punch holes into covers.

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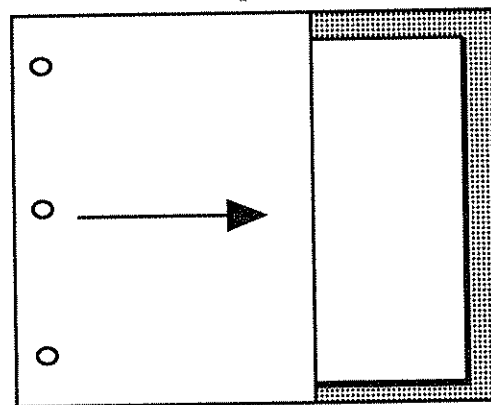
Draw cover or paste on prepared items.

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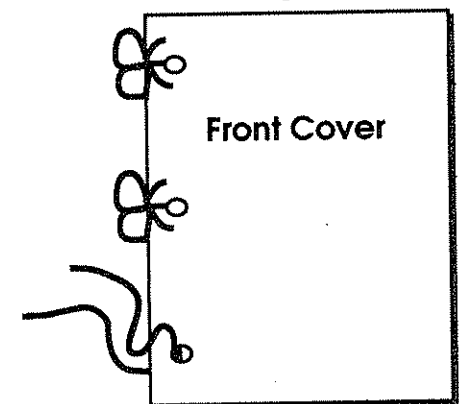
Write or type your story on letter sized paper.

Step 5



Place completed pages inside covers.

Report



Use yarn to tie covers and pages together.